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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

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SA Bukowski got a lead post 9/11 from WFO to locate and interview Alrababah and Alfauru.

Alrababah knew that the FBI was looking for him and went to FBI New Haven. His first "story" about meeting the hijackers at the 7-11 in Falls Church was a lie, and it took 10 months before he got his final version of the story, which SA Bukowski characterizes as "90 percent" of the story. In the final version, Alrababah admitted to meeting the hijackers at the Dar al Hijrah mosque, and witnessing the fight involving the imam there. Alrababah claims that [redacted] told him to go to the mosque to ask for work, and that it was [redacted] idea to move to VA.

[redacted] was granted asylum, despite pending document fraud charges involving obtaining Saudi work papers for Syrians.

[redacted] opinion of the hijackers was that they were secret police.

SA Bukowski found it suspicious that Alrababah stayed in the hotel room in CT with the hijackers when he had an apartment nearby. There is also a good identification from the library in Paterson placing Alrababah with Hanjour, though Alrababah denies it.

There are four missing nights for when the hijackers first arrived in Paterson. SA Bukowski thinks it is likely that they stayed at 8 Roberts Street. [redacted] was in VA at the time, and there are calls from [redacted] to 8 Roberts St. during this time period, though it is possible that [redacted] was calling his friend [redacted] who lived

there. Alrababah had once lived on Roberts St., but not at number 8. The address at 8 Roberts St. is also around the corner from 1 Montclair.

The hijackers did not want to go to Alrababah's apartment in CT, and Alrababah didn't want to bring them home. The hijackers did use Alrababah's old Paterson address to register at the hotel.

Alrababah was not polygraphed. After some time in detention, he became incoherent and appeared to suffer some type of breakdown.

The person who actually helped the hijackers at the DMV, Luiz Martinez Flores, works for Alrababah's associate [redacted] who had the driving school and provided the address for the driver's licenses.

FBI New Haven did follow up on Alrababah's friend [redacted] in Bridgeport, who got into an argument with the hijackers about renting his apartment.

[redacted] has made phone calls to the Saudi embassy in DC and the Saudi embassy in Russia, ostensibly looking for a job as an interpreter. [redacted] denies having actually gone to the Saudi embassy.

[redacted] was wanted for document fraud, and that is why he came to the US on 7/3/00.

SA Bukowski finds it suspicious that Alrababah would have had the meeting with Aulaqi and then turned around and "ran into" the hijackers when there were 400 to 500 people at the mosque for Friday prayers.

Alrababah testified against Alfauru on the driver's license scheme. [redacted]

SA Bukowski believes that Alrababah and [redacted] would be willing to talk to the Commission. [redacted] is still in the Paterson area.